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# RUTH'S ACTION TO COST CLUB \$100,000 AND MAY KILL HIM AS ATTRACTION

By SID MERCER.

Babe Ruth's open defiance of Judge Landis, high commissioner of baseball, will cost the New York club at least \$100,000, if, indeed, it does not remove the colorful Bambino from the pale of organized baseball entirely and render him a head case to the Yankees.

Judge Landis has given the answer of the oft-repeated query: "Is Ruth bigger than baseball?" and it was a reply that is not likely to be modified by a plea of extenuating circumstances.

By suspending Ruth, Bob Meusel and Bill Piercy until May 20, 1922, and fining them their shares of the world series prize money, which are being held in escrow, Judge Landis tossed a bombshell into the American league. While the severity of the punishment was not expected, the verdict carries harsh provisions that were not anticipated.

Ruth's employers were prepared to stand a heavy financial loss, but had hoped in some way to have the sentence modified so that the home-run king could train with the Yankees next spring and then keep in condition until his suspension was lifted.

By outlawing the Babe entirely until late in May, Judge Landis probably will drive him into an alliance with independent promoters and thus prematurely end a great career. Ruth has many offers and will require great tact and persuasion on the part of the Yankee colonels to keep him "hitched" until he can free himself in the manner suggested by the official verdict.

## Groh Highly Pleased To Go Back With Giants

By International News Service.

HAVANA, Dec. 7.—"This is great news. It's just like returning home after a vacation in some foreign country," commented Heinie Groh, when informed today that he had been traded by Cincinnati to the New York Giants.

"I always did like New York and McGraw will never regret his action in securing my services," said Groh.

Groh is spending a vacation here.

**Bum Business for Babe.**

Ruth's ill-advised barnstorming tour last fall netted him less than \$5,000. The interest on this, as charged by Judge Landis, can easily amount to ten times the principal.

Aside from what Ruth is worth as a box office attraction on a spring training trip and the first month of a championship season, the sure possibility of his quitting organized baseball abruptly now looms up. Babe can undoubtedly make big money on independent bookings next season, but after that he may not do so well. Home-run records of such pitchers do not greatly interest baseball fans.

Once Ruth breaks away he will be done as a Yankee. He will soon be twenty-eight years old and he is getting heavy. He might trade on his reputation in a third major league if he could find promoters to start one. However, the costly Federal league failure is still fresh in the memories of the promoters and money is tight now.

**Halts Record Making.**

In any event Ruth is not going to be the heroic figure he was in 1920 and last season. If he quits he will be a total loss to the club, and if he sticks, but does not go into training until late in May, he may not regain his form until midsummer.

And with a month sliced off his season he has practically no chance to equal or even approach his home-run records of the past two seasons.

It is possible, of course, that Judge Landis may relent to the extent of permitting Ruth to train with the Yankees next spring and to continue the conditioning process through April. May, however, the play in the well games where an admission is charged, but it is extremely doubtful whether the high-strung Babe, with wildcat promoters tempting him, can be held in that long, even if the New York club guarantees him against financial loss.

All the officials of the Yankee club were in Buffalo yesterday attending the minor league meeting. Ruth is displaying a vaudeville engagement in Washington. Hence the opinion of those most vitally concerned in the Landis decision could not be obtained first hand. Know Judge Landis, who is not Ruth's friend, would comment frankly on the verdict. They wisely refrained from talking until they can get together and see what can be done.

Landis Stern Judge.

It was generally thought that Judge Landis would not announce his decision until after the major league meetings here next week. The judge, however, took no one into his confidence and finally committed himself without any last-minute conference with the defense and those interested in his welfare.

Baseball men are generally agreed that the decision virtually ruins Ruth's career as baseball's superman. The verdict will operate independently next season, but, lacking the major league surroundings and the Polo Grounds setting he will soon discover that his popularity is waning.

Those who know Judge Landis do not believe he can be induced to modify the sentence, and those who know the Yankee colonels are sure they will accept the verdict as sportmen and uphold the judge, even though it means the wrecking of a great baseball asset.

**Meusel and Piercy.**

Ruth probably feels some regret over the plights of Meusel and Piercy than he does for himself. He is that kind of chap. Both of these players with his close friends and he induced them to stand with him in defiance of the commissioner. No doubt Meusel and Piercy depended on Ruth's prominence to pull them through.

For that reason of judgment they have already forfeited their world's series shares—amounting to more than \$3,000 each—and their futures in baseball are as uncertain as Ruth's and much less promising.

The New York club, it is believed, had planned to dispose of Piercy this winter, inasmuch as he was of little

## STARS OF TENNIS COURTS FAVOR DIFFERENT DRAW

Believe Arrangement of Titular Matches Should Not Be Made Blindly.

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—The arrangement of matches in the next national amateur lawn tennis championship tournament will be determined to some degree by arbitrary placing instead of being left entirely to chance if the recommendations of most of the leading men and women players of the country are followed. To a questionnaire on the subject sent to America's "first fifty" men players and the leading ten women, together with all living former champions, men and women, 90 per cent have replied in favor of "seeding the draw."

The matter is in the hands of a committee of players appointed last September by the executive committee of the United States Lawn Tennis Association. It is to report back to the Executive committee in New York on December 17, on the day before it will meet to frame its recommendations. Seeding in some form and degree is understood to be assured of favor, but suggestions now under consideration vary.

All have as their object the maintaining of interest and of competition to the end of the national title tournament. This would be obtained by scattering the best players so that they will not eliminate one another in early rounds as occurred at several big tournaments during the past season.

**ILLINOIS MUST SELECT NEW FOOTBALL CAPTAIN**

URBANA, Ill., Dec. 7.—University of Illinois must choose a new football captain for 1922 as a result of a ruling of the conference faculty board declaring Don Peden, captain elect, ineligible.

Peden played a year at Lombard College while taking work preparatory to entering Illinois, and the faculty committee ruled that this year must count on his playing allotment of three years. Peden has played two years at Illinois.

Joe Sternaman, quarterback, and Dave Wilson, center, are the leading candidates for captain.

**ALEXANDRIA GIRLS SEEK BASKETBALL OPPONENTS**

The girls' basketball team of Friends playground in Alexandria, which will meet the George Mason High School quint tonight in the armory hall, is seeking opponents among the freshman teams of Washington schools. Miss Louise Jones, phone Alexandria 235, is the friends manager.

The Friends team will take the floor tonight sporting new uniforms.

**Want Saturday Game.**

The Panther basketballs want a game for Saturday night with a 135-pound team. Call C. W. Umhau at Lincoln 5934-W.

**Quincys to Play.**

The Quincy courtmen will encounter the Comet aggregation in the Liberty hall gymnasium tonight. The Quincy Reserves will also perform, meeting the Upsilon Frat five.

**Would Sting Teams.**

The Hornet A. C. has organized a basketball team and challenge all quints in the 110-pound class. Call Shashin at Hyattsville, 826-W.

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# Tuning up for Possible Unpleasantness with That Tea-Room Person

By McGurk.

CHARLOTTE (KID) RUSSE TOOK THE OLD WIND AND LIMS OUT FOR A CROSS-COUNTRY TRY-OUT—KNOCKING OVER A BUNNY OR TWO WITH A BICK IN PASSING, SHE SAYS

KAYO TORTONI SPENT ALL AFTERNOON GETTING STUFF ON A NEW CORNSCREW HOOK SHE'S DISCOVERED—THE CORDON COCA COOLER LENDING HER A HAND IN THE INTERESTS OF SCIENCE



TRADE RUMORS FULL AIR WHEN MAGNATES MEET

Heinie Groh Deal One of Biggest Deals Since Ruth Went To Yanks.

By JACK VIECKO.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Trade winds started blowing here today as the baseball magnates got warmed up to their favorite winter pastime. With the announcement of the deal that brings Heinie Groh back to the Giants from Cincinnati for George Burns, Mike Gonzales and something like \$100,000 in cold cash, other magnates loosened up with announcements.

The Groh deal is the largest pulled off in baseball since the Yankees bought Babe Ruth from Boston. The little third baseman takes his place among the highest-priced ball players in the history of the game. The deal was not unexpected. It had been talked of for many months. Consensus of opinion among baseball men here is that it "makes" the Giants and will give rival clubs something unusually high to shoot at if they hope to compete with McGraw's team next season.

**Looking for Pitching.**

The Detroit Tigers, still looking for pitching talent, will try out two Pacific coast hurlers in the spring. President Navin has purchased Pitches Pilette and Johnson from the Portland team for cash and players. Clark C. Griffith, of Washington, made a strong bid for these two pitchers, but failed largely because he could not deliver the right players in exchange.

Kansas City has several deals on its minor league teams, and Indianapolis expects Manager McGraw to name the players he is going to exchange for Outfielder Shinnery.

President Tom Hayden, of the Boston club, announced that he has signed Joe Dunn to manage that team next season. He has also traded first baseman Snedecor to Omaha for Infielder Spranger, and Infielder Krueger to Oklahoma City for Infielder Shanley.

**Will Manage Hartford.**

Jack Coffey, who resigned as manager of the Des Moines club at the close of the past season, will manage the Hartford club next year.

The Galveston club has traded Catcher Lapan to Little Rock for Infielder Moore, and there are many other deals in the making.

With the resignation of George McBride as manager of the Washington Senators, Clark Griffith is casting about for a new pilot.

"I haven't any one at present in mind," said Griffith today.

President McCaffery, of the Toronto club, announced that "Lena" Blackburn will be his manager for 1922.

Routine business for the most part was the order as the national association's convention got down to its second session.

In the absence of a rival candidate for the 1922 meeting of the association, Hamilton, Ont., apparently had the plum in its hip pocket, awaiting only the taking of a vote by the association.

**GRACE TOSSERS OPEN SEASON WITH VICTORY**

Grace A. C. Reserves opened their basketball season last night in Alexandria when they defeated the heavy Crystal A. C. in the Light Infantry Armory, 22 to 12. The splendid basket-shooting of Grace was the deciding factor of the victory.

Kersey and Owens of the Crystals played well.

**Linworths Want Game.**

Linworths Midgets want a football opponent for next Sunday in the 110-pound class. Richard Peart, of 326 Thirtieth street, southwest, phone Franklin 2903, between 6 and 6:30 p. m., is the acting manager.

**Midget Basketers Out.**

Park View Midgets are seeking a basketball game with a team in the 90-95-pound class having a gym. Walter Harry, phone Columbia 7471-3, is the manager.

**Mercurys Ready.**

The Mercury A. C. basketers wish to arrange games with local quints. Address C. Carlick at 624 I street southwest.

**Brother Paul Says Ruth Was Badly Advised**

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 7.—Commenting today on the suspension and fine of Babe Ruth by Judge Landis, Brother Paul, of St. Mary's Industrial School, Ruth's alma mater, declared Ruth was badly advised. Brother Paul has been Babe's friend and adviser for years.

"Ruth had been badly advised in deciding to make the barnstorming trip," said Brother Paul. "It was sentiment more than money that prompted his action, however." He pointed out that the great batsman could have made more money in other enterprises.

"Fans in some towns wanted to see Ruth. Both George and I had received hundreds of letters from baseball enthusiasts in the smaller towns who had no opportunity to see him. Their entreaties prompted him to make the trip."

Brother Paul said Ruth had always been obedient to regulations and laws. He said he was expecting a visit from Ruth's captain in the next few weeks, when the situation created by the suspension and fine would be discussed.

**"BUCK" O'NEILL STICKS AS COLUMBIA'S COACH**

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Frank J. "Buck" O'Neill, head coach of the Columbia football team for the last two years, has been reengaged for yet another campaign on the Blue and White gridiron. The official announcement came last night as the result of a joint meeting of the university committee on athletics and the advisory football committee. O'Neill is at present on a business tour of the West and no contract will be signed or announcement made as regards the rest of the staff until he returns.

Walter F. Koppich, of Buffalo, has been chosen captain of next year's team. He is a sophomore.

**YALE ELEVEN TO PLAY TEN GAMES NEXT YEAR**

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 7.—Yale's 1922 football schedule contains ten games, the first time for many years that the university has had more than nine. The games with Vermont, Maryland, and Tufts have not been definitely decided upon, but it is expected that the colleges will remain on the schedule, which as tentatively arranged, follows: September 23, Bates; 30, Vermont; October 7, Tufts; 14, Iowa; 21, Williams; 28, Army; November 4, Brown; 11, Maryland; 18, Princeton; 25, Harvard.

All games will be played at Yale Bowl with the exception of that with Princeton.

**GEORGIA ELEVEN WILL TACKLE STAGG'S TEAM**

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Two important intercollegiate games will be played by the University of Chicago football team in 1922. It was announced today, when Coach A. A. Stagg made public the complete schedule for the season.

The Maroons will open the year with a game in Chicago on October 7 with University of Georgia as opponent. On October 23, Princeton, which was defeated by Chicago this season, will meet the Maroons on Stagg field.

Georgia eleven is coached by Herman Stogeman, formerly a star football and track athlete at Chicago.

**NORTHWESTERN SEEKING TO GRAB KNUTE ROCKNE**

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—A movement is on foot to obtain the services of Knute Rockne, at present coach of the Notre Dame football team, as gridiron coach at Northwestern University. It was learned today. Rockne is understood to have been made a tentative offer. Whether he will leave Notre Dame, where he has had great success, is a matter of conjecture.

**Grace A. C. to Play.**

Grace A. C., which has won six straight games, will meet the company M. National Guard basketball team tomorrow night in the Regimental Armory at Alexandria. All Grace players are requested to report at the clubhouse tomorrow at 7 p. m.

# DIAMOND STARS CLAIMING ALIBIS FOR LOSING OUT

By HARRY NEILY.

Time was when the complete athlete died of sorrow upon the baseball field, but it isn't that way any more. Nowadays it is polite to take the major leaguers apart in the interests of efficiency.

Recent operations call this to mind. It used to be that a trip to "Bonsetter" Reese at Youngstown, Ohio, was the usual procedure after the club physician had failed to apply healing remedies to the ailing, but the famed Doc Reese no longer is the ultimate bone carpenter in so far as the ath-a-letes are concerned.

Just now the boys are in an epidemic of tonsil-removing. If a pitcher lacks a suitable curve or blows up in the seventh inning, remove his tonsils. Roy Wilkinson, White Sox hurler, who from time to time has displayed symptoms of greatness, threatens to have his removed. He thinks he might take on twenty additional pounds. "Winkle" has plenty of stuff, but as the ball players say, "pitches himself out." The added weight probably would make him a star.

Schalk is a sample.

There is nothing the matter with Ray Schalk's arm nor his ability to work, as he caught more than 100 games per season for nine consecutive years. When he started for the hospital he had a good job done—tonsils and adenoids both removed. If this causes a double-barreled improvement in his throwing gear the White Sox pitchers next spring better arm themselves with a mass and blanket.

"Shovel" Hodge, Sox hurler, also had an operation, but it simply was for appendicitis, which is likely to afflict the unathletic at any time. There no longer is any distinction in having the appendix removed, but the tonsils, the adenoids, the teeth—ah, me, that is the height of fashion.

The tooth-extraction method flivvered in the case of George Tyler. That worthy went on best with a chisel and hammer, but medical science has not reached that stage as applied to athletics. However, it is all the rage to attribute lack of efficiency to the teeth, to the tonsils or to the adenoids, and any ball player who has a complete set of any of such equipment always has a handy alibi for whatever evils him in the heat of a diamond battle.

**Mamaux a Sick Man.**

Some mysterious ailment fastened itself upon Al Mamaux, Brooklyn hurler. For years Al was one of the strong men of baseball—a thorough and hard working athlete. Last winter he started losing weight and all summer continued falling off. Late in the season a doctor advised pulling his teeth, but that did not seem to help, and at last reports he still was a very sick man.

There are some ball players who could test their strength with a chisel and hammer, but medical science has not reached that stage as applied to athletics. However, it is all the rage to attribute lack of efficiency to the teeth, to the tonsils or to the adenoids, and any ball player who has a complete set of any of such equipment always has a handy alibi for whatever evils him in the heat of a diamond battle.

**HARRY GREB TOO STRONG FOR KEISER IN PHILLY**

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7.—Harry Greb, Pittsburgh light heavyweight, defeated Ray Keiser of Cumberland, Md., a sound and impressive victory in eight rounds at the Ice Palace last night. Greb did everything possible to the Cumberland warrior, but knock him down or out.

Keiser took his punishment without a whimper and caught the crowd's fancy by trying to fight back in the seventh and eighth rounds after being given a severe pounding in the sixth.

**JIM THORPE AND INDIANS WILL PLAY HERE SUNDAY**

Jim Thorpe and his famous Cleveland Indians will play here on Sunday afternoon against the Washington Pros. Capt. Tim Jordan was in receipt of a wire this morning from Thorpe accepting terms for the engagement and promising to bring his famous team for the engagement.

Calac and Guyon are in Thorpe's backfield and his team recently defeated Charlie Brickley's team.

**LANDIS DECISION MAY BE FOUGHT BY BOB MEUSEL**

Yankee Outfielder Insists Judge Has No Right to Take His Money.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 7.—Bob Meusel, New York Yankee outfielder, today declared the fines imposed on himself, Babe Ruth and Bill Piercy for infringement of the major league rule prohibiting "barnstorming" tours for players who participated in the world series of that year could not be made to "stick."

"I have talked with attorneys and they tell me that a man's wages cannot be taken away from him," Meusel said.

"I earned my world series money and Judge Landis has no right to take it away from me. Whether I will take the matter into the courts will be decided after I get in touch with Piercy and Ruth. I earned the world series money. It is mine by every right, and I intend to have it."

**SUSPENDED TRIO MAY TAKE PART IN SPRING GAMES**

Landis Quoted as Saying Players are Eligible for Training Contests.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Judge Kenesaw M. Landis, high commissioner of baseball, who Monday passed sentence on Babe Ruth, Bob Meusel and Bill Piercy, of the New York Yankees, for engaging in a barnstorming trip following the world series, was quoted as saying today: "The players are at liberty to go into training with their teammates in the South next spring and play such practice games as are scheduled. But they must not engage in any championship games after the season opens until their suspensions are lifted. The three players must apply for reinstatement on or within ten days after May 20 before they can play in any league game."

This ruling is of much importance. In view of the fact that Babe Ruth, unless he balks at the punishment, will be a decided drawing card in the exhibition games played on the training trip and on the way North.

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**JAKE SCHAEFER AGREES TO PLAY HOPPE AGAIN**

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Jacob Schaefer, who recently won the world's 18.2 ballline billiard championship from Willie Hoppe, has formally accepted the former champion's challenge for a return match. The new champion posted \$250 to bind the match, and named Chicago as the place where it should be held.

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